Shiv Sagar in Assam were identified for setting up of National petroleum Training Schools, but a final decision is yet to be taken.

(b) No time schedule has been decided for the establishment of the Schools.

(c) K.D. Malaviya National Oil Museum will be located at Jawahar Nagar, Guwahati, Assam. The K.D. Malaviya National Oil Museum Trust has approved implementation of the project. The Museum project is likely to be commissioned in three years time.

Reduction in price of petroleum products

1042. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crude oil price had reached 33 dollar/barrel during the last hike in price of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the average crude oil price (brent) in dollar after 15th September, 2001 till date;

(c) whether price of petroleum products have been reduced proportionately to the consumers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PEROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) At the time of the last hike in the prices of contrtolled petroleum products in September, 2000, the monthly average of brent crude oil price was US$ 32.73 per barrel.

(b) The price of brent crude after 15th September, 2001 till 23rd November, 2001 are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The oil pool deficit as on 31st March, 2001 was Rs. 12,600 Crore. Prices of crude oil and petroleum products in the international market over past two years have been volatile. In view of the huge oil pool deficit, presently there is no proposal under consideration to reduce the prices of controlled petroleum products.

Statement

Daily Prices of Brent (Dated)
10th September, 2001—23rd November, 2001

Date	Brent (Dated) US$/BBL
10Sep 01	27.18
11Sep 01	28.42
12Sep 01	27.57
13Sep 01	28.08
14Sep 01	29.15
17Sep 01	27.91
18Sep 01	26.77
19Sep 01	25.58
20Sep 01	25.14
21Sep 01	24.61
24Sep 01	20.99
25Sep 01	21.15
26Sep 01	21.81
27Sep 01	21.62
28Sep 01	22.12
01Oct 01	21.32
02Oct 01	21.11
03Oct 01	20.42
04Oct 01	21.05

Date	Brent (Dated) US$/BBL
05Oct 01	20.42
08Oct 01	20.30
09Oct 01	20.64
10Oct 01	20.79
11Oct 01	21.41
12Oct 01	20.68
15Oct 01	20.89
16Oct 01	20.36
17Oct 01	20.16
18Oct 01	19.69
19Oct 01	20.52
22Oct 01	20.13
23Oct 01	19.97
24Oct 01	20.46
25Oct 01	20.14
26Oct 01	20.42
29Oct 01	20.33
30Oct 01	20.33
31Oct 01	19.69
01Nov 01	19.11
02Nov 01	19.45
05Nov 01	18.80
06Nov 01	18.68
07Nov 01	18.89
08Nov 01	19.76
09Nov 01	21.02
12Nov 01	19.78
13Nov 01	20.21
14Nov 01	18.40
15Nov 01	16.54

Date	Brent (Dated) US$/BBL
16Nov 01	17.44
19Nov 01	17.72
20Nov 01	18.50
21Nov 01	18.66
22Nov 01	20.09
23Nov 01	19.43

Shifting of Petrol Pumps from congested areas

1043. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that existence of petrol pumps in a congested area like Connaught Place, New Delhi is a safety and traffic hazard and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the owner of these petrol pumps have requested Government to shift their petrol pumps to a safer place; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Retail Outlets (ROs) in congested areas all over the country, including Connaught Place, are operated with valid explosive licences and meeting all mandatory requirements. Wherever, such ROs become safety/traffic hazards or when requests are received from the concerned dealers for resitement, efforts are made to resite them to other locations in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Government.